

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

January 28, 2009

The Honorable Shaun Donovan
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Secretary Donovan,

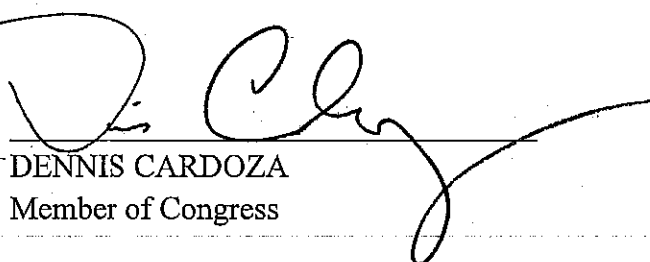
We are writing to request a meeting with you to discuss the extent of the housing market turmoil in our districts. We represent the congressional districts with the highest foreclosure rates and the greatest declines in home equity. As a result, we are well-acquainted with the depth and destruction of the foreclosure crisis and can provide you with helpful insights on the effectiveness of federal foreclosure prevention programs implemented thus far.

In the last 18 months, the foreclosure crisis has not improved in our districts, and in most places, it has worsened significantly. In 2009 millions of Americans will default on their mortgages, and millions more will see their home equity drop precipitously. That is why it is more imperative than ever that we pursue effective solutions that prevent foreclosures and respond to the dramatic loss of home equity. We know your agency will play an integral role in all federal initiatives to address the housing crisis, and we want to work with you to ensure the government's efforts to stabilize the housing market are successful.

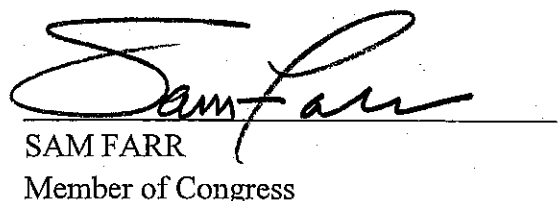
We understand that you are incredibly busy transitioning into your new role, but we think meeting in the next few weeks will provide a timely and informative discussion as government housing programs are revised and pursued. Our constituents and communities are suffering considerably from the housing crisis, and we must do all we can to work toward solutions that will offer them measurable relief.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



DENNIS CARDOZA
Member of Congress



SAM FARR
Member of Congress



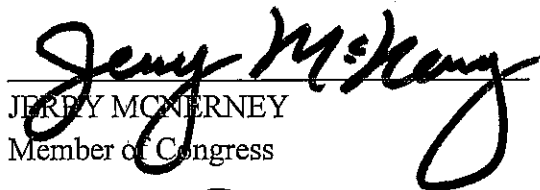
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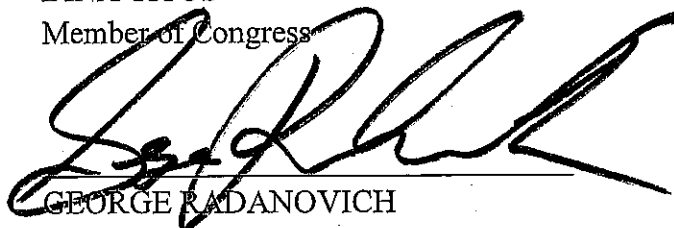
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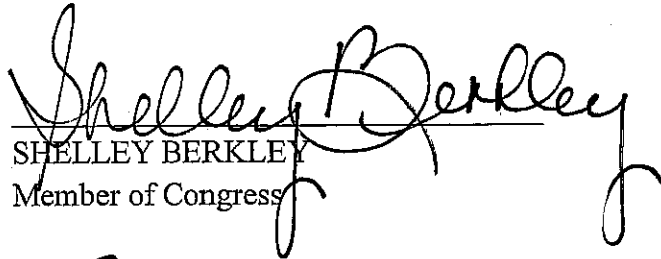
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